

In the Specification

Please substitute the following Title of the Invention beginning at page 1, line 1:

~~Human defensin polypeptide Def X, genomic DNA and cDNA, composition
containing them and applications to diagnosis and to therapeutic treatment~~
NUCLEIC ACIDS AND VECTORS ENCODING HUMAN DEFENSIN
POLYPEPTIDE AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/486,580, filed February 25, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,329,340; which is a National Stage Application based on International Patent Application No. PCT/FR98/01864, filed August 28, 1998; said PCT/FR98/01864 claims priority to French Patent Application No. FR 97/10823, filed August 29, 1997. The disclosures of each of the above-identified applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties, including all figures, tables, and nucleic acid/amino acid sequences.

Please substitute the following paragraph beginning on page 22, line 31:

All these primers contain, upstream of the bases specifically targeted by the amplification, a common universal oligonucleotide tail intended to allow the sequencing of the amplified fragments (PU: 5'-TGTAACGACGGCCAGT-3' (SEQ ID NO:13) for the upstream primers, and RP: 5'-CAGGAAACAGCTATGACC-3' (SEQ ID NO:14) for the downstream primers).

Please substitute pages 1-24 (Sequence Listing submitted to the Patent Office on May 14, 2002) with new pages 1-24.